

St. Jerome R.C. Church

2900 Newkirk Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226



Sunday, February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Hilaire Belizaire, Pastor

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Parish Office / Parish Center Hours:
455 East 29th Street. Brooklyn, NY 11226

Monday, Wednesday & Friday:

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00PM

2:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Tuesday & Thursday:

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Closed for lunch 1:00 PM-2:00PM

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Schedule of Masses/ Horaire des messes/ Horario de misas

SUNDAY/ DIMANCHE/ DOMINGO

Upper Church

7:30 AM ~ Creole
9:45 AM ~ English
11:30 AM ~ Spanish
1:15 PM ~ Creole

WEEKDAYS/ JOURS DE LA SEMAINE/ DÍAS DE LA SEMANA

Lower Church

7:30 AM Monday ~ Friday: English
9:00 AM Monday ~ Saturday: Creole

BAPTISM/ BAUTISMO/ BAPTÊME

Baptism registration takes place Monday to Friday from during office hours.

CONFESSIONS/ CONFESIONES

By appointment.

MARRIAGE/ MATRIMONIO/ MARIAGE

Call 6 months in advance / Llame 6 meses antes de la fecha / Appelez 6 mois à l'avance.

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION/ ADORATION EUCCHARISTIQUE/ ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Every Friday after the 9:00 AM Mass with benediction at Noon.

PRAYER GROUPS/ GROUPES DE PRIÈRE/ GRUPOS DE ORACIÓN

- **English:** Legion of Mary meet on Saturdays at 10:30AM in the Lower Level of the Parish Center
- **Haitian:** Charismatique chaque Mercredi a partir de 7:00 heures du soir au sous-sol de l'Eglise
- **Haitian:** Legion de Marie pour les Haitiens a 8:30 AM et 4:00 PM chaque Samedi dans L'eglise en bas

ACTIVE GROUPS/ GROUPES ACTIFS/ GRUPOS ACTIVOS

- Troupe Éclat meet on Saturday at 6:00 PM in the Upper Church
- Témoins du Christ meet on Sunday following the 1:15 PM Mass in the Lower Church
- Les Jeunes disciples de Jesus meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month in the Lower Church following the 1:15 PM Mass
- Feu D'amour meets on the 2nd Sunday of the Month following the 1:15 PM Mass
- Choeur d'Homme meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Lower Level of the Parish Center
- Ushers meet every 2 months of the 4th Sunday of at 3:30pm in the convent.
- Grande Chorale choir meet on Saturday from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM in the Lower Church.

OTHER MINISTRIES

- OCIA English meet every Tuesday at 7:30 PM online
- OCIA Spanish meet on Sundays following the Spanish Mass
- OCIA pour les Haitiens vous pouvez contacter le Parish at 718-462-0223
- Altar Servers meet on Saturday at 11:00 AM in the Upper Church
- English Bible Group Contact 718-462-022

PARISH MASS INTENTIONS

INTENTIONS DE MESSE PAROISSIALES
INTENCIONES DE LA MISA PARROQUIAL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2026

- 7:30 AM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
Repos de l'âme de Luc Estime et de Marie Gracieuse Zephyr
- 9:45 AM **ENGLISH MASS**
God's Grace and blessings for Patricia Adams
- 11:30 AM **MISA ESPANOL**
For the people of the Parish
- 1:15 PM **MESSE CRÉOLE**
For the people of the Parish

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Repos de l'ame de Marie Helen Paul

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM Action de grâce a Dieu pour Marie Melcie Beauzil nan okasyon anivèsè nesans li

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2026

- 7:30 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS
- 9:00 AM NO MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH, 2026

- 9:00 AM Action de grâce a Dieu pour Modeste Royal et Darline Royal nan okasyon anivèsè nesans yo

MASS INTENTIONS / INTENTIONS DE MESSE / INTENCIONES DE LA MISA

We invite all parishioners to consider requesting a daily Mass for their intentions. The Mass is the highest form of thanksgiving, whether you're celebrating an anniversary, expressing gratitude for healing or blessings, or praying for loved ones who have passed. It is always a meaningful way to honor these intentions within the Mass.

Monthly Intentions for 2026

Les Intentions du mois / Intenciones mensuales

February: *For children with incurable diseases*

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Quatrième dimanche du temps ordinaire
Cuarto Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Those among us who have had serious medical issues involving either demanding exams and/or surgeries know all about “remote and proximate preparation.” For the remote kind, that might mean bringing to a temporary halt the intake of certain medications or foods. The proximate kind most often involves fasting from food and drink, even water. Neither regimen is fun, but we accept it. Doctor knows best, right?

You could summarize our Scripture selections this weekend as examples of both kinds of preparation needed for our next life. You know the one I refer to; the one we do not think about enough. Life eternal with God. Remotely it involves that elusive and challenging decision to be humble and take a long hard look at ourselves before God. He created us out of nothing and that is what we return to after death. That is the point that Ash Wednesday drives home every year.

Proximate preparation invites to acquire humility, which acts as a daily checkup on how well we apply this sense of what is “real” to our daily decisions. A daily honest appraisal of ourselves via a nighttime examination of conscience just before sleep. We note the humble people being honored by the prophet Zephaniah in our First Reading. The “Anaheim” (AN uh ween) or devout poor among the Hebrews who stayed faithful to the Lord despite the pressure of the pagan atmosphere around them. Then St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians boldly tells us that “God chooses the foolish (or humble) to shame the wise (or proud).” He adds in a caution to his readers about any intended boasting.

Finally, we hear the opening of the great Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus immediately praises the “poor in spirit.” Here He implies the humility of such persons. He thus brings to perfection the Old Covenant, which more often emphasized the external rather than the eternal. We receive a triple dose of medicine, as today we need to be spiritually healthy. Humility is a key feature of the preparation we need for the Lenten season now just a few weeks away. Some people need a lot of help getting this, as a certain true story illustrates: The “LA Times” newspaper published a story a few years ago about a commercial airline flight cancellation which resulted in a long line of travelers trying to get booked on another flight. One man in the line grew increasingly impatient with the slow-moving line. Suddenly he pushed his way to the front and angrily demanded a first-class ticket on the next available flight. “I’m sorry,” said the ticket agent, “but I’ll have to take care of the people who were ahead of you in the line.”

The irate man then pounded his fist on the ticket counter, saying, “Do you have any idea of who I am?” Whereupon the ticket agent picked up the public address microphone and said, “Attention please! There is a gentleman at the ticket counter who does not know who he is. If there is anyone in the airport who can identify him, please come to the counter.” Hearing this, the man retreated, and the people waiting in line burst into applause. God love you and give you, His peace.

MASS ATTENDANCE

Attendance de la Messe / Atendieron a Misa

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026

<u>Mass Time:</u>	<u>Number Of attendees:</u>
7:30 AM CREOLE MASS	100
9:45 AM ENGLISH MASS	15
11:30 AM SPANISH MASS	30
1:15 PM CREOLE MASS	10

READINGS FOR THE WEEK / LECTURES DE LA SEMAINE/ LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Monday, February 2, 2026--- Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Tuesday, February 3, 2026 --- 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 4, 2026 --- 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, February 5, 2026 --- 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13

Friday, February 6, 2026 --- Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 Mk 6:14-29

Saturday, February 7, 2026 --- 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, February 8, 2026 --- Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK ESPECIALLY

VEUILLEZ PRIER POUR LES MALADES, EN PARTICULIER / POR FAVOR, REGEN POR LOS ENFERMOS, ESPECIALMENTE.

Yvrose Auguste, Giselle Beausoleil, Agatha Bristow, Georgette Charles, Umatile Pierre, George Farid Puzo, Herma Farrell, Jean Harbin, Ghenane Herbert, Andre Innocent, Amina Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Nayel Birotte, Dennese Reddie-Fraser, T Perard, and Rosalind Wahab

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

INSCRIPTION À LA FORMATION À LA FOI/
INSCRIPCIÓN PARA LA FORMACIÓN EN LA FE

Registration for Religious Education is ongoing. All Children from 1st grade to 8th grade attending public School are to be registered in our parish religious education program to be educated in the faith. 1st communion will be celebrated in 2nd grade after the child receives 2 years of formation. The sacrament of Confirmation receives in 8th grade. For more information, please contact Mother Vilma, our Faith Formation Director, at 718-462-0223

VOCATION / VOCACIÓN – 2/1/2026

“Consider your own calling, brothers and sisters.” We are all called to bear witness to Christ in our lives. Could you be called to do so as a priest, deacon, or consecrated religious? Contact the Vocation Office at 718-827-2454 or email: vocations@diobrook.org

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

INSCRIPTION DES JEUNES / INSCRIPCIÓN DE JÓVENES

We invite all young members of the parish to join the St. Jerome Youth Ministry. This is an excellent opportunity to connect with peers who are eager to deepen their faith, engage in church activities, participate in community outreach, and build meaningful friendships. We also encourage parents to inspire their children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews to get involved. We look forward to seeing them take active roles in our church community. For more information or to register, please contact Ms. Woodlyn Sance, the youth minister at 718-462-0223.

ALTAR SERVER MINISTRY

MINISTERES DES ENFANTS DE CŒUR / MINISTERIO DE MONAGUILLOS

“Let the Children come to me,” says the Lord. Altar Servers are needed: Parents with children who have already received First Communion are invited to volunteer their children for the ministry of Altar Server. Training will be provided. If interested, call the rectory at 718-462-0223 and leave names and phone number.

 *Ash*
Wednesday

Miércoles de ceniza / Mercredi des Cendres

Wednesday, February 18th is Ash Wednesday.
Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses.

7:30 AM- English Mass

9:00 AM- Creole Mass

7:30 PM – Trilingual Mass

In the Upper Church


STATIONS of the CROSS

Every Friday of Lent, we will celebrate the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in 3 Languages in the Upper Church.



World Day of Marriage

Sunday, February 8th, 2026

Sunday, February 8th – World Day of Marriage: Couples are invited to call the rectory with their names and the number of years they have been married to receive a certificate. They will also have the opportunity to renew their marriage vows during all Masses on February 8th.

Dimanch 8 Fevriye se jounée Mondyal Mariaj. Koup ki marye nan legliz kapab relé Presbitè-a e kite non yo ak kobyen anée mariaj yo genyen pou yok ap resevwa yon sètifika. Y-ap gen okazyon pou yo renouvle voeux mariaj yo nan dimanch 8 fevriye.

Domingo 8 de febrero: Día Mundial del Matrimonio: Se invita a las parejas a llamar a la rectoría con sus nombres y la cantidad de años que han estado casados para recibir un certificado. También tendrán la oportunidad de renovar sus votos matrimoniales durante todas las Misas el 8 de febrero.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO USE YOUR PARISH ENVELOPES

All parishioners are encouraged to register and to use their offering envelopes as a sign of commitment. If you are not registered, we cannot issue testimonial letters in connection with sponsorship for the sacraments of Baptism, and Confirmation.

We can give character references for positions, schools etc. only to those who have been registered for at least 3 months. Please register at the Parish office if you are new to the parish.

It is important

-  Your Gift to Your God
-  For proving that you attend church
-  For support of your church
-  To be a sponsor for Baptism/Confirmation



Parish Donation Statements

We gratefully thank you for your generosity to our parish throughout the past year. Parishioners whose total contributions for **2025** were **\$250 or more** may request a donation statement by calling the Parish office at **718-462-0223**. We are truly thankful for your continued support and all that you do for our parish community.

ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH

A Century of GOD'S GRACE

IN BLACK HISTORY

Black History Month will be celebrated on
Saturday, February 28th at St. Jerome
Church, Brooklyn, NY.

The celebration begins with Mass at 5:00 PM
in the Upper Church, followed by a vibrant
cultural extravaganza in the gymnasium
featuring food, music, poetry, cultural
presentations, and dance.

*Join us as we honor history, embrace culture, and
rejoice together as one community.*



PROTECTING ALL CHILDREN SAFE ENVIRONMENT

St. Jerome R.C. Church complies with all Safe Environment mandates set forth by the Diocese of Brooklyn and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. All employees and volunteers who have contact with children must attend a Virtus session, sign a code of conduct and submit to a background search. If you need to register for a Virtus session, please contact Mother Vilma D. Orejola or online at www.virtusonline.org. The Diocese of Brooklyn wishes to do everything possible to see that all people, particularly children, are safe in all pastoral settings. Excuses and rationalizations for such criminal actions will not be accepted. To report sexual abuse involving diocesan personnel, priest, deacons, teachers, ushers (adult & youth), altar servers, employees or volunteers at schools or parishes please call the Diocese of Brooklyn toll-free, confidential reporting number 1-888-634-4499.

We announce, with great sadness, the passing of Serge Lexius' father



Henrisca Lexius

A Memorial Mass will be offered in his memory at
St. Jerome R.C. Church in Brooklyn, NY
on Saturday, February 7, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.



"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8

ST. JEROME RC CHURCH
FOOD PANTRY
OPENING

SATURDAY
March 14, 2026
9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

We are opening our Food Pantry to serve our brothers and sisters in need.
All are welcome, and all help is a blessing.

DONATION REQUEST
Pasta, Canned Goods,
Oatmeal & Monetary Donations
Your generosity will help nourish both body and spirit.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me food."
- Matthew 25:35*

*Together, let us be the hands and heart of Christ
in our community*

ST. JEROME R.C. CHURCH

125TH
Anniversary
CELEBRATION

FEAST DAY MASS
SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2026

PARISH JUBILEE GALA
SEPTEMBER, 2027

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